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No pumping was done in the hot season of 1930 as the pipes leading from the harbour limits on the foreshore were removed by the South Indian Railway in connexion with the remodelling of the Beach station and the diversion of the Springhaven Road.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know, Sir, with reference to the answer to clause (b), when the lock at the Elephant Gate Bridge will be completed? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" Has the work been taken on hand? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" It is under construction."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether the Government propose to start pumping water into the Cooum at least in the year 1932? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" As soon as the South Indian Railway authorities finish their work, pumping will be restarted."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether the Government consider that the system of pumping water into the Cooum from the sea is satisfactory? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I believe it has been satisfactory; if it is not so, we will stop it."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I know what is the information which has made the Government ' satisfied ' with the progress of the work—the basis on which they have come to the decision that the system has been satisfactory? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" They have found the work satisfactory; that is all." (Laughter.)

Staff employed in the Chief Engineers' offices.

* 373 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. Venkataramayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement of the staff employed in the offices of the Chief Engineers of the Public Works Department and state how many of them are from Andhra Desa and from other linguistic areas?

A.—A statement[a] is attached.

Veterinary Department

Admission to the Veterinary College for 1931–32.

* 374 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of candidates who applied for admission to the Veterinary College this year;

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(b) the number that was called for interview; and

(c) the number that was finally selected for admission?

A.—(a) 1,073.

(b) 395.

(c) 40.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" With reference to clause (b), may I know whether the number ' 395 ' indicates the number that came for interview or the number that was called for interview? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" I want notice."

Local Self-Government

Notice by the Collector of Guntur to the nominated councillors of the Chirala Municipality.

* 375 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention has been called to the following notice issued by the Collector of Guntur on the 29th June to certain nominated councillors of the Chirala Municipal Council :—

" When the proposal to present an address at a cost of Rs. 50 to Mr. Subash Chandra Bose of Bengal on the 1st proximo was put to vote on 27th June 1931 you left the Council saying that you will be ill-treated by the volunteers if you voted against it.

" Please explain before 5th July 1931 why Government may not be moved to take necessary action against you."

(b) on what authority and under what provision of law the Collector issued this notice;

(c) what is the nature of the ' action ' which the Collector proposed to take; and

(d) what was the information on which the Collector acted and whether that information has been proved to be false; if so, what action has been taken against the informant?

A.—(a) Government have ascertained that the Collector of Guntur issued the notice in question to two nominated councillors on 29th June 1931.

(b) There was a clique in the Chirala Municipal Council bent upon embarrassing the Municipal Chairman and Vice-Chairman in every possible manner. The Collector considered that nominated councillors should render support to the loyal elements in the Council. It was on this principle and not under any formal provision of law that the Collector interfered in this case.

(c) The Collector wanted to inform Government of any possible disloyal activities of the persons nominated by them.